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In the Specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 3 with the following new paragraph:

Although it is shown that the color blend for a particular tab 20 is applied to the tab 20 and the headlap portion 16 of the overlay member 12, it will be appreciated that less expensive dark or black granules may be applied to the headlap portion 16, rather than the more expensive color granules because the headlap portion 16 will be covered when overlapping successive course of shingles 10 are applied to the roof. In addition, each tab 20 may consist of the same or different color blend that corresponds to a color in a particular pattern unit, as described in co-assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,253,512, herein incorporated by reference. Applying shingles to the roof using a particular pattern provides for an attractive, aesthetically pleasing roof appearance.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 16, add the following new paragraph:

In a specific embodiment of the invention, approximately 60% of the plurality of tabs have a first background color comprising a light gray, approximately 25% of the plurality of tabs have a second background color, comprising dark gray, and about 15 percent of the tiles have a third color other than gray. Preferably, the third color comprises purple.